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SUBJ: GOH STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTING HELSINKI PRINCIPLES

REF: BUDAPEST 2453

1. COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG AUGUST 14 CARRIED
HEADLINE FRONT-PAGE CENTER DECLARING THAT "HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC WILL DO ITS BEST TO IMPLEMENT HELSINKI PRINCIPLES".
ARTICLE BELOW IT SAID COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED OF
HUNGARIAN DELEGATION'S BILATERAL TALKS DURING HELSINKI CON-
FERENCE AND "TOOK A STAND FOR COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF CSCE
FINAL DOCUMENT".

2. NEPSZABADSAG REPORTS THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS "EMPHASIZED
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THAT HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WILL ALSO DO ITS BEST IN

FUTURE TO IMPLEMENT CSCE PRINCIPLES ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND TO SEE THAT DETENTE BECOMES IRREVERSIBLE".

3. LATTER STATEMENT IS IN LINE WITH PRIVATE COMMENT OF JANOS
KADAR TO FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT
HERE (SEE REFTEL) THAT GOH TAKES SERIOUSLY ITS OBLIGATIONS
AGREED TO AT GENEVA AND WILL PROPOSE SERIES OF IMPLEMENTING STEPS
DURING AUTUMN OF 1975. JANOS PETRAN, GOH CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AT
GENEVA, TOLD POLOFF AUGUST 14 THAT TASK FORCE WILL SOON BE AT
WORK IN MFA OUTLINING CONCRETE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF
HUNGARY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER CSCE. HE REMARKED THAT GOH WILL
HAVE FEW PROBLEMS WITH HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, ADDING THAT "HUNGARY
HAD MUCH BETTER RECORD THAN OTHER EE COUNTRIES ON REUNITING DIVIDED
FAMILIES AND GRANTING FREEDOM TO TRAVEL ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS"

4. COMMENT: FIRST SECRETARY KADAR PROBABLY FEELS SECURE ENOUGH
TO ALLOW SOME INCREASED CONTACT WITH WEST, ESPECIALLY WITH WEST EURO-
PEANS. HE AND HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL, HOWEVER, KEEP ONE EYE
EASTWARD LEST THEY MOVE FASTER THAN SOVIETS ON ANY IMPORTANT ISSUE.
GOH WILL ALSO BE LOOKING CLOSELY AT ECONOMIC PORTION OF CSCE
DOCUMENT, PARTICULARLY THAT SECTION CALLING FOR LIFTING OF TRADE
BARRIERS. REMOVAL OF EEC BEEF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND ATTAINMENT
OF MFN FROM U.S. ARE ACUTELY IMPORTANT TO GOH NOW THAT HUNGARIAN
ECONOMY FACES STEADILY MOUNTING DIFFICULTIES.
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